

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

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14. (new) A hairdryer, including an ionizing device, comprising a box body for holding a suction part, fan means, electric motor means, metal wire resistance heater means assembled about a supporting micanite element, an air flow outlet part, electric switching means and an ion generator device, constituted by a high voltage, from AC to DC, a generator device being arranged at an intermediate region between said suction part and said air flow outlet part, said box body comprising a front shell, including said air flow outlet part and a half-handle and a rear shell, including an air flow inlet part and a further half-handle, said further half-handle cooperating with said front half handle to provide, upon joining said shells, a handle for the hairdryer, said box body further comprising a bottom portion including switching means mounted on a printed board circuit, said ion generator device being arranged between said fan means and metal wire resistance heater means, said ion generator device having a cylindric configuration and being supported by a metal wire resistance bearing plastic material support element arranged between said electric motor means and metal wire resistance heater means, wherein said support element comprises a bottom portion, holding, on a side, said metal wire resistance heater means through a cross cut or a simple cut and, on the other side, said electric motor means.

15. (new) A hairdryer, according to claim 14, wherein said support element comprises a top portion including a cylindric recess made resilient by a top cut for engaging

therein said ionizing device.

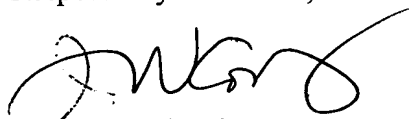
The Applicant has noted that claims 8 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. For this reason, claims 1-13 have been canceled and new claims 14 and 15 have been added.

New claim 14 substantially corresponds to a combination of previous claims 1 to 7 with previous allowable claim 8. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that new claim 14 is allowable.

New claim 15 substantially corresponds to previous allowable claim 9. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted too that new claims 15 should be allowed. This Amendment has rendered moot the rejections of the canceled claims over the prior art and no further comment in response to this ground of rejection is necessary.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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